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CAC Rejoices Over 'Success'

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The Campus Action Council's confrontation with the CIA yesterday morning was an "unqualified success" according to David Kertzer '69, CAC corresponding secretary.

The CIA appeared on campus shortly after 10 a.m. in the person of James W. Gurll Jr. '48, a personnel interviewer with appointments to see Brown graduate students interested in applying for jobs with the CIA.

An hour later, Michael J. Brennan, Dean of the Graduate School, had declared the scheduled interviews cancelled because it was impossible for the interviewer to reach the interview room in the Placement Office at 90 Waterman Street. Their passage was blocked by sitters-in.

(Last night, Dean Brennan told the HERALD there is a "possibility of scheduled interviews" today with Mr. Gurll but that he did not know the interviewer's plans.)

CAC members interviewed by the HERALD said the sit-in and supporting picket line had accomplished their major objectives: the CIA left campus, the demonstration was orderly, and the University was made aware of student objections to CIA private interviews on campus.

INVOLVEMENT

The CAC-sponsored protest against the CIA took place on "two different levels of involvement," according to Robert F. Cohen Jr. '68, CAC president. On the first level, about 25 students — and one professor — formed a picket line outside the Placement Office. Carrying signs labelling the CIA undemocratic and un-American, they did not obstruct Mr. Brennan and Mr. Gurll, but called upon them to stop and listen to a reading of the reasons for protest. Neither man stopped.

The purpose of this level of protest, Mr. Cohen said, was "educational" — to inform passers-by of objections to the CIA. Mr. Cohen, using a bull-horn, called upon passers-by to join the picketers. Few joined, although many accepted the

CAC literature offered them.

On another level, 17 undergraduates and one professor elected to confront the CIA by

a sit-in, blocking the passageway to rooms where Mr. Gurll was to conduct interviews.

Arnold Strasser, graduate student, read aloud the CAC statement "Why We Sit-in" when Mr. Brennan and Mr. Gurll entered the Placement Office upstairs in 90 Waterman Street. Parts of the statement follow:

"The act of blocking the recruiting functions of the CIA is an act of civil disobedience. It is an act based not on a disregard but on a supreme respect for civil liberties . . . It is an act of individual conscience which demands an end to the activities of the CIA and to the continuing cold war philosophy of which it is a part."

Mr. Gurll picked up a copy of the statement.

Bodily confronted by sitters-in, Mr. Gurll stood by as press photographers snapped pictures and Mr. Brennan, wearing a yellow flower in his lapel and visibly shaking, spoke with the protesters.

After explaining that he could not walk to the interview rooms without touching the protesters and that such contact would constitute physical obstruction, Mr. Brennan picked his way among the sitters.

When Mr. Brennan returned from taking names, he stated:

"The interviews are cancelled. We found it physically impossible to get to the interview room." Mr. Brennan and Mr. Gurll left for Mr. Brennan's office in University Hall.